

CHURCH COLLECTIONS SWELL RELIEF FUND

Practically Every Congregation in New York
Contributed Part of Sunday Offering
to Disaster Victims.

EXPECT GREAT JUMP IN TOTAL

This Morning's Mail Believed to Hold Many Thousands
of Dollars for the Various Agencies Gathering
Money to Aid Sufferers from Flood
and Tornado in West.

The generous response of the citizens of New York to the appeal to aid the suffering and homeless in the stricken districts of the West was as evident in the churches of the city yesterday as it had been on preceding days at the offices of the Red Cross and other charitable institutions.

Practically every church in Manhattan and surrounding boroughs devoted all or part of the offerings to relief funds. While no estimate of the amounts raised was possible last night, it is expected that when announcements are made today the total fund will be swelled considerably.

The Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, rector of Trinity Church, urged contributions to the regular food relief funds at the service yesterday morning; the eight chapels of Trinity Church in various parts of the city made similar appeals. At the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, as well as at every other Episcopal Church in the diocese of New York, special prayers, authorized by Bishop Greer, were said for the sufferers in the West.

Thousands of members of the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations in this city are collecting clothing to be sent to flood sufferers in Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati and other parts of Ohio. Henry M. Orne, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Miss Cona L. Tatham, general secretary for metropolitan work of the Young Women's Christian Association, sent to the New York City branches yesterday letters calling for this emergency work.

The two general secretaries agreed that cash contributions from their respective associations be sent to the Red Cross for relief work in the flood zone. Miss Tatham's office is at No. 600 Lexington avenue, and Mr. Orne's is at No. 213 West 23d street, and at either place all gifts of clothing or supplies will be acknowledged.

The collections taken yesterday at all the masses in the Catholic churches in the archdiocese of New York will be devoted to the same purpose. Cardinal Farley sent a letter to all the pastors in his charge, which was read at the solemn high mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday morning, whereby he urged that members of the Catholic Church do their share to alleviate the affliction, as far as possible, arising from the calamity.

The Rev. Dr. Edgar W. Work, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, at West End avenue and 93d street, formerly pastor of the Third Street Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, received a telegram from Governor Cox yesterday which he read to his congregation. The message was as follows:

"Replying to your message, food situation is pretty well provided for until Monday. Government is assuming charge of the sanitary rehabilitation of the City of Dayton. Great suffering and distress. It is estimated that we will be compelled to feed from two hundred thousand to five hundred thousand people from two to three weeks in Ohio."

Dr. Christian F. Reisner, of the Grace Methodist Church, in West 16th street, appealed for funds in his sermon yesterday which he read to his congregation.

"We are all strongly reminded of our kinship," he said. "No two thousand persons can be killed in America without some relative or one dear to a friend being reached. But, further, we are all touched with sympathy. People who have felt that every cent was necessary for personal use find it easy to stint in order to contribute."

The largest avalanche of mail containing contributions is expected at the various offices of the Red Cross to-day. Mrs. William K. Draper, secretary of the New York state branch of the society, said last night that many persons would wait until Sunday to attend to the matter of contributing.

Posted in the elevated railway and subway stations yesterday were signs announcing that 5 per cent of the earnings of the interborough company to-day would be devoted to the relief fund. Between \$3,000 and \$5,000, it is estimated, will be turned over.

The contributions to the various funds for relief acknowledged Saturday were as follows:

Citizens' Committee Started.

Collections announced Saturday for the fund of the citizens' committee for the relief of the tornado and flood sufferers of the Mississippi Valley, of which Judge Alton B. Parker is chairman, and Everett R. Chapman is treasurer, were as follows:

M. Guggenheim's Sons \$2,500.00
Mrs. Harold E. Hudson 250.00
Timberland Company 250.00
Franklin Q. Brown 200.00
Judge William H. Moore 200.00
Senator W. A. Park 1,000.00
Eugene E. Gary 500.00
Cornelius Vanderbilt 500.00
James Butler 500.00
John D. Coughlin 500.00
Henry Clews 500.00
Judge Alton B. Parker 250.00
Senator Chauncey M. Depew 250.00
Lewis L. Ladd 150.00
Charles Strauss 100.00
F. W. Woolworth 100.00
P. F. Macdonald 25.00

\$3,000 in Half Day on 'Change.
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